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## Homosexuality and Health

In today's society Homosexuality and Lesbianism are being hailed by many as a normal healthy life styles. Many laudatory and complimentary things are being reported and circulated about these individuals. We at The Christian Arsenal believe that the people in this life style are precious in God's site just as we all are. We believe that they should be treated with the same dignity as anyone. We however disagree with their position in the matter of sexuality. We do not look down on them, we disagree with them. These statistics are for consideration by anyone.

- Having used IV drugs and less than 25 years of age ..... 16%<sup>3</sup> (of the homosexual community) ..... 1.5% (of the general community) ..... 11 times the prevalence
- Engaged in prostitution ..... 24%<sup>3</sup> (of the homosexual community) ..... 0.66%<sup>4</sup> ..... (of the general community) ..... 36 times the prevalence
- For transvestites, the figure is 45%<sup>3</sup> engaged in prostitution
- Having a lifetime STDs prevalence ..... 70%<sup>3</sup> (of the homosexual community) ..... 4% (of the general community) ..... 18 times the prevalence
- Percentage alcoholism ..... 27%<sup>3</sup> (of the homosexual community) ..... 11%<sup>5</sup> (of the general community) ..... 2.5 times the prevalence
- Median number of partners ..... 38 per year
- Having a brief or no knowledge of partners ..... 90%<sup>4</sup>
- Involved in whipping, sadism or masochism ..... 21%<sup>3</sup> (of the homosexual community) Sadism and 'anti-violence' (1997 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, page 99) are somewhat incongruous.
- Of those with HIV, having anogenital warts ..... 92%
- Of those not having HIV and having anogenital warts ..... 76%<sup>3</sup>
- Acquired multiple wart virus subtypes, within 17 months ..... 75%<sup>3</sup> (of the homosexual community)
- Involved in 'rimming' (mouth to anus contact) .....61%<sup>3</sup> (of the homosexual community)
- Having anal pre-cancer ..... 18.0% (of the homosexual community) .... 0.03%<sup>8</sup> (of the general community) ..... 650 times the prevalence
- Having HIV ( < 25 years 10%, > 25 years 24% ) ..... 21.8%<sup>3</sup> (of the homosexual community)
- Average age of death from AIDS ..... 35.7 years
- Expected average life span ..... 45 years (of the homosexual community) ..... 70 years<sup>10</sup> (of the general community)

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## **News report from the Sydney Star Observer 25 Feb 1999**

Infection rates of the sexually transmitted disease (STD) gonorrhoea among gay men are increasing at epidemic proportions. Some doctors have likened the increase to an epidemic between 1983 and 1985 when HIV infection rates also rose. By the end of last year, gonorrhoea infections had increased by almost 50 per cent across NSW, Professor John Tapsall from the Prince of Wales Hospital Gonococcal Reference Laboratory said yesterday. Inner Sydney medical centres are also reporting a rise in gonorrhoea infections, and according to a spokesperson for the Sydney Sexual Health Centre, there is anecdotal evidence of an increase in other STDs. Tapsall said the increase was not an "isolated phenomenon" in Sydney. He said increases in gonorrhoea infection are being reported in Melbourne, San Francisco and Seattle, predominantly among gay men. In 1996 the Sydney laboratory reported over 700 gonorrhoea isolates. This rose to 900 in 1997, and by the end of 1998 almost 1,400 isolates had been reported in NSW. South Eastern Sydney Area Health Service (SEAHS) have also experienced an upsurge in infections in inner Sydney with 506 cases reported in 1998 compared to 293 in 1997 and 261 in 1996. AIDS Council of NSW chief executive officer Robert Griew said the increase was making "more people vulnerable to HIV infection" and was "very dangerous to positive people's health". In 1997, a study published in The Lancet found the viral load in HIV positive men with gonorrhoea was eight times higher. Surry Hills Medical Centre are holding an information session on gonorrhoea To register phone 9699 3311.

### **What is gonorrhoea?**

Gonorrhoea is a bacterial sexually transmitted disease, which is treatable with available antibiotics. It is transmitted from semen, from the anus in rectal gonorrhoea, and to a lesser extent from the throat of a person with pharyngeal gonorrhoea. Symptoms include penile discharge, a sore throat and enlarged tonsils, and for ano-rectal infections an anal discharge.

Source: *National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research*

### **The Challenge of Homosexuality by Bill Muehlenberg - Independent family researcher**

In general, homosexual relationships do not offer the same stability and permanence as do heterosexual relationships. A number of studies have been conducted over the past few decades to show that the average homosexual relationship is far from stable and monogamous. Indeed, it can instead be characterised as highly unstable and promiscuous. 'Sexual promiscuity is one of the most striking, distinguishing features of gay life in America,' wrote Silverstein and White. The authors say that homosexuals represent hedonism in its most extreme form, with one-night stands and brief flings offering constant excitement and variety. An exhaustive 1978 Kinsey Institute study of homosexuality showed that 28 percent of homosexual males had sexual encounters with 1,000 or more males. And 79 percent said more than half of their sex partners were strangers. Only one percent of sexually active men had fewer than five lifetime partners. The study concludes, 'Little credence can be given to the supposition that homosexual men's 'promiscuity' has been overestimated. Almost half of the white homosexual males said that they had at least 500 different sexual partners during the course of their homosexual careers.' A 1982 study of AIDS victims by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control found that 1,100 sexual partners was about average, with some reporting as many as 20,000 partners. One homosexual reported, 'I believe my estimate of 4,000 sex partners to be very accurate. I have been actively gay since I was 13 (thirty-one years ago). An average of two or three new partners per week is not excessive, especially when one considers that I will have ten to twelve partners during one night at the baths'. Finally, Bell and Weinberg found that 28 percent of white homosexual males claimed 1,000 or more partners, while 84 percent claimed 50 or more partners over the course of a lifetime. They found that the average homosexual had 550 different sexual partners.